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SSVT CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

CAPSULE REPORT UPON APPROVAL OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

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October 9, 2011

SSVT Vision & Mission Statement

❖ Vision

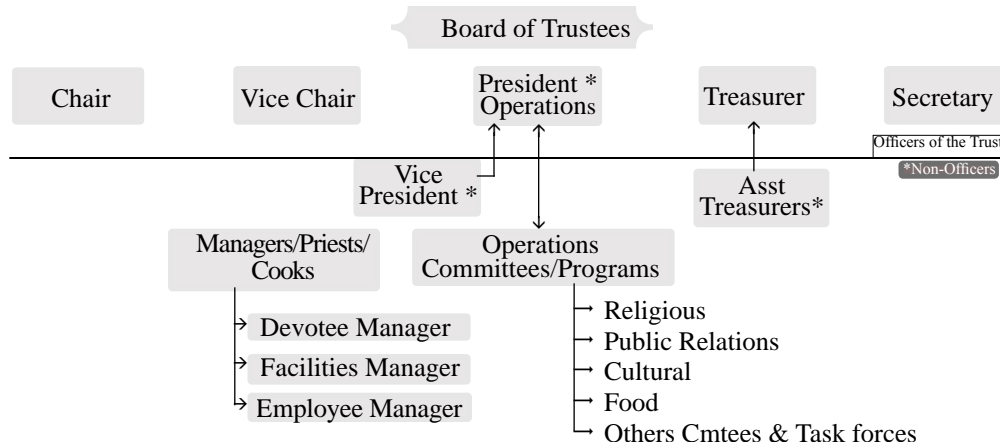
- ❖ Combining the best of Hindu tenets, customs & heritage with American values of religious freedom, community participation & volunteerism

❖ Mission

- ❖ In the 21st century, SSVT seeks to become the premier temple in North America by:
 - ❖ Continuing to preserve our religious & cultural heritage
 - ❖ Creating innovative solutions to meet the unique needs of Hindus in North America

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Current Structure



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"Abheda Darshanam Jnanam" - Experience of Oneness is True Wisdom

Gaps recognized with the Current structure

- Issues in the recent past have surfaced the following:
- Inadequate accountability
- Need for checks & balances
- No formal structures for conflict resolution
- Lack of formal manuals and orientation
- Need for professional and volunteer management

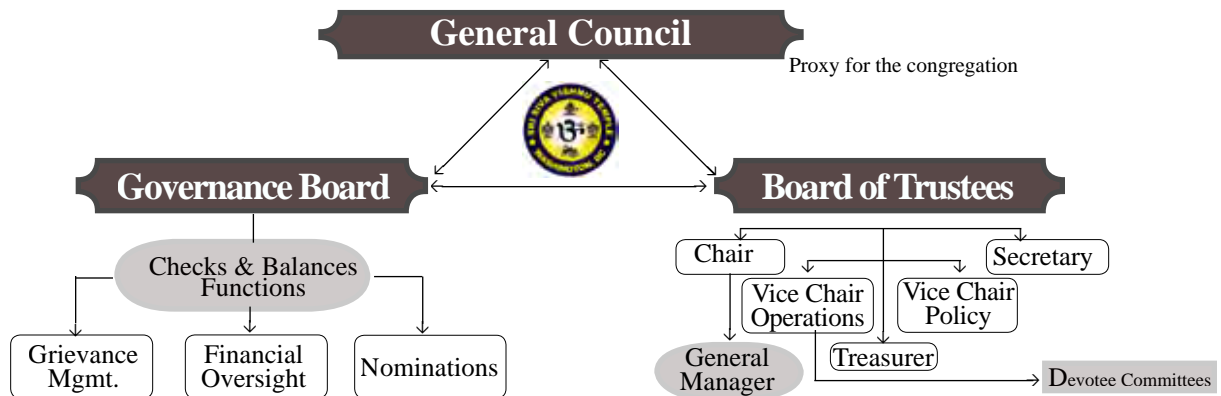
The desired outcome from a new Governance system became to address the above issues and :
 Create improved Governance for long-term sustainability and
 Build a structure that enables orderly succession planning for the next generations

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6/25/2011

New Structure

approved October 9, 2011



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Stakeholder Protocols & Etiquette-excerpt Protocols for All Stakeholders

- ❖ The Temple is a place of worship and peace; Everyone must be treated with respect.
 - ❖ Touching the idols in the Sannidhis is prohibited.
 - ❖ Photography and videography of the idols in the Sannidhis is prohibited, except in the Vasantha Mantapam.
 - ❖ Use of microphones in the Mahamantapam and Sannidhis is for Priests and special announcements only.
 - ❖ Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and non-vegetarian food are strictly prohibited on the temple premises.
 - ❖ Observe silence; Mobile phones and other electronic devices should be set on silent mode in the Mahamantapam.
 - ❖ Please wear appropriate clothing; shoes are not allowed in any place of worship.
 - ❖ No pets are allowed inside the temple. Please consult with the Manager for any special needs.
 - ❖ No person may jeopardize another's safety in the Temple.

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A Renewed Way Forward!

Please come to the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's Annual Fund Raising Dinner on Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Greenbelt Marriott, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Enjoy an evening meeting friends with music, dance, fabulous Indian food, and to know about the vision of the temple.

The annual dinner is a key fundraising and networking event at the Temple, and is a fun and engaging way to become a part of this premier institution. This year's entertainment will be provided by various University of Maryland's (College Park and Baltimore Campus) Indian Student Associations, so there will be dance and a cappella performances in addition to silent and live auctions and delicious food. Entertainment is sure to appeal to every age, whether you're a college student looking to take part in a cultural night out, or a devotee at the temple who wants to get more involved, or see another side of who and what keeps the temple running.

Religious Calendar

November 2011

01 Tue. 7:00 pm	Devasena Kalyanam (please see details) Skanda Shashti Festival Concludes
02 Wed. 9:30 am	Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (Srivana)
04 Fri. 9:30 am	Durga Abhishekam
05 Sat. 4:00 pm	Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (Ekadasi)
06 Sun. 4:00 pm	Srinivasa Kalyanam (*)
6:00 pm	Tulasi Kalyanam (Uttana Dwadasi)
07 Mon. 7:00 pm	Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham & Kartika Somavar)
09 Wed. 5:30 pm	Vishnu Deepam (Lunar Kartika Poornima)
7:00 pm	Satyanarayana Puja (Poornima) (Temple + 1 offsite)
10 Thu. 5:00 pm	Annabhisheka Darshanam of Lord Siva (Tula Poornima until 8 pm) (please see details)
11 Fri. 9:30 am	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Krittika)
10:00 am	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
12 Sat. 4:00 pm	Krishna Abhishekam (Rohini) Sani Transition Special Puja- Japam Starts (please see writeup)
13 Sun. 9:30 am	Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam
14 Mon. 9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
9:30 am	Sani Transition Day Special Puja - Conclusion
6:00 pm	Siva Abhishekam (Kartika Somavar)
7:00 pm	Ganesha Abhishekam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
15 Tue. 10:00 am	Rama Abhishekam (Punarvasu)
16 Wed.	Vrischika Month Begins
17 Thu.	Ayyappa Mandalotsavam Begins (please see attached flyer for details)
6:00 pm	Veda Parayanam by Priests (Daily till December 27) (please see details)
7:00 pm	Ayyappa Padi Puja
18 Fri. 9:30 am	Sharada Abhishekam
7:15 pm	Bhagawati Seva
19 Sat. 4:00 pm	Andal Abhishekam (Purvaphalguni)
20 Sun. 10:00 am	Ayyappa Udayaastamana Puja Uttaraphalguni)
21 Mon.	6:00 pm Siva Abhishekam (Kartika Somavar)(**)
7:00 pm	Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (Ekadasi)
22 Tue. 7:00 pm	Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
23 Wed. 9:30 am	Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha Homam & Abhishekam (Swati)

24 Thu.	Amavasya (Vishaka)
9:30 am	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Vishaka)
10:30 am	PUJA BY CHILDREN (please see details)
25 Fri. 9:30 am	Parvati Abhishekam
26 Sat. 10:00 am	Ayyappa Pushpaalankaram
27 Sun. 4:00 pm	Anjaneya Abhishekam (Moola)
7:00 pm	Ayyappa Pushpabhishekam
28 Mon. 9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam & Abhishekam (Chaturthi)
30 Wed. 9:30 am	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Shashti)
9:30 am	Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (Srivana)
(*) please note the change from Annual Calendar	
(**) please note the change in timing	

December 2011

02 Fri. 9:30 am	Durga Abhishekam
03 Sat. 4:00 pm	Srinivasa Kalyanam
04 Sun. 8:00 am	Special Ayyappa Puja, Veda Parayanam
05 Mon. 9:00 am	Guru Vayoor Ekadasi (Gita Jayanthi – please see details)
07 Wed. 7:00 pm	Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
08 Thu. 9:30 am	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Krittika)
5:30 pm	Kartika Deepam
09 Fri. 10:00 am	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
10:30 am	Krishna Abhishekam (Rohini)
5:30 pm	Arunachala Deepam
7:00 pm	Satyanarayana Puja (Poornima)
10 Sat. 10:00 am	Ayyappa Neiyabhishekam
11 Sun. 10:00 am	Special Ayyappa Abhishekam (as Irumudi offerings)
13 Tue. 9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
10:00 am	Rama Abhishekam (Punarvasu)
7:00 pm	Ganesha Abhishekam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
15 Thu. 9:30 am	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Shashti)
16 Fri.	Dhanur Month Begins
9:30 am	Tiruppavai & Thiruvempavai Daily till Jan 14, 2012 (please see details)
10:30 am	Sharada Abhishekam
7:15 pm	Bhagawati Seva
17 Sat. 10:00 am	Special Ayyappa Abhishekam (as Irumudi offerings)
4:00 pm	Andal Abhishekam (Purvaphalguni)
18 Sun. 10:00 am	Ayyappa Kalabhaabhishekam (Uttaraphalguni) (Rest of December in next Newsletter)

Weekly Abhishekams

(at 9:30 am except as noted)

Daily	Ayyappa, Siva and Anantapadmanabha
Monday	Ganesha, Sri Rama
Tuesday	Durga, Anjaneya
Wednesday	Andal, Sharada, Navagrahas
Thursday	Krishna, Subrahmanya
Friday	Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha
Saturday	Venkateshwara (10:15 am)

Weekly Aradhanas

Tuesday	Sri Rama (7:45 pm) & Hanuman Chaleesa (8:00 pm)
Friday	Lalitha Sahasranamam to Parvati (7:15 pm)
Friday	Mahalakshmi Aradhana (8:00 pm)

Weekly Sahasranama Archanas

(at 5:15 pm except as noted)

Monday	Ganesha, Siva, Rama
Tuesday	Durga, Subrahmanya, Anjaneya
Wednesday	Andal, Anantapadmanabha, Ayyappa
Thursday	Sharada, Krishna, Venkateshwara
Friday	Mahalakshmi (5:15 pm) & Parvati (7:15 pm)

Seminar and Lecture Series

by Sadhvi Chaitanya

Topic: Upadesha

Upadesha Saram is a beautiful poem composed by Bhagavan Ramana Maharshi revealing the truth of the self as free of sam-sara. The reality is that all that is here is one non-dual consciousness, brahman, which is the cause of the universe, which is manifest as the universe, and which is free of limitations. The understanding of oneself as brahman leads to freedom from ignorance, sorrow and bondage.

Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2011

Sunday, Nov. 6th, 2011

Meditation: 9 - 9:30 am

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Lecture: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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(Held in SSVT Education Room)

Skanda Shashti Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011

Tuesday, Nov. 1 (Devasena Kalyanam Day)

9:30 am Utsava Subramanya Abhishekam, Sahasranama Archana,

Deeparadhana, Bhajans by devotees

7:00 pm Devasena Kalyana Utsavam.

8:30 pm Prasadam Distribution & Conclusion of Skanda Shashti Festival

Sponsorship: Daily Puja \$35 per day; Kalyanam \$25

Annabhishekam to Lord Siva

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Annabhishekam is celebrated on the Poonima day during the Hindu solar month of Tulaa. Annam (cooked rice) is offered as Abhishekam to Lord Siva after the Abhishekams with the eleven usual ingredients. Lord Siva is decorated with all the edible preparations, fruits and vegetables after the Abhishekam. Devotees may bring fruits and flowers for the Alankaram if they so desire. Details of the program are given below:

9:30 am Laghunyasa, Rudra Abhishekam to Lord Siva, Deeparadhana.

5:00 pm Annabhisheka Alankara Darshanam (until 8:00 pm)

6:00 – 8:00 pm Rudra Trishati Archana,

8:00 pm Visarjana Abhishekam to Lord Siva, Archana, Jaya

Jagadisha Hare Aarati, Prasadam Distribution @ 8:45 pm

Sponsorship: \$25

Sani (Saturn) Transition Puja

Saturday, Nov. 12 – Monday, Nov. 14, 2011

Saturn transits from one Zodiac to the next about once every two and half years. As per the North American Panchangam, Saturn transits from Kanya Raasi to Tula Raasi on Nov 14 this year. According to Vedic Astrology, transition of heavenly bodies like Saturn and Jupiter have an effect on the individuals born under certain asterisms (Nakshatra). These effects could be characterized as being either positive or negative depending on Raasi (Moon sign) of the individual. To mitigate the negative effect and to enhance the positive effects of the transition, Special pujas spread over 3 days (Nov. 12 - 14) will be performed by our priests. The details of the pujas on the three days are given below.

Saturday, Nov. 12

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa Sthapanam, Start of Moola

Mantra Japam for Lord Sani, Navagraha & Sani Stotras, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sunday, Nov. 13

9:00 am – Moola Mantra Japam for Lord Sani continues, Navagraha

Homam & Abhishekam (with emphasis on Sani), Archana, Deeparadhana

Monday, Nov. 14

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Moola Mantram Japam Conclusion for Lord

Sani, Navagraha & Sani Stotras, Archana, Deeparadhana

12:30 am Prasadam & Raksha Distribution

Sponsorship for Puja on Sept 12, \$25; Sponsorship for 3-day Puja \$51

Please Note: Devotees will be given the Raksha (Sanctified thread to be worn around the wrist) after the abhishekam on Saturday.

Sponsors can also collect the raksha during their next visit to the temple if they are unable to participate in person. The effects of this transition for people born under various raasis will be described in a writeup in SSVT website by end of October.

Veda Parayanam by Priests

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011

There will be chanting of the Rig and Yajur Veda between **6 pm and 7 pm daily** during the Mandala (41 day period) ending December 27, 2011 All devotees are encouraged to attend and participate.

Sponsorship: \$11 per day; \$301 for the entire 41 days

Puja by Children

Thursday, November 24, 2011

10:30 am Slokas, Bhajans, Ganesha & Saraswati Puja by Children

12:15 pm Children's Special Lunch & Story telling (Topic of interest to children & young adults)

No Sponsorship or prior Puja experience is required. All the necessary materials for the Puja will be provided by the temple. Children ages 5 and above are encouraged to participate.

Guruvayoor Ekadasi & Gita Jayanthi

Monday, December 5, 2011

The Shukla Ekadasi prior to Vaikunta Ekadasi was the day when Lord Krishna imparted the Bhagawad Gita to His devotee Arjuna. This is celebrated as Gita Jayanthi. It is also an important Ekadasi in many parts of India, especially in Guruvayoor. Special Pujas will be held to celebrate both the events.

9:00 am Bhagawad Gita Homam, Aradhana to Lord Krishna, Narayaneeyam Parayanam, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm Sri Krishna Abhishekam, Deeparadhana @ 8:30 pm,

Prasadam distribution

Sponsorship: \$25

Thiruppavai & Thiruvempavai

Recitation by Devotees

(Friday, Dec. 16, 2011– Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012)

Thiruppavai, the divine hymn composed by Goddess Andal (the Divine incarnation of Mother Earth), and Thiruvempavai the divine Hymn on Lord Siva composed by Saint Maanickavaasagar will be recited daily during the Hindu "Dhanus" month (December 16 - January 14) at 9:30 am. Copies of Thiruppavai are available in several languages in the temple. All are welcome to participate in this group recitation.

SSVT Education Programs

AWAKENING WITH BRAHMA KUMARIS Nov. 5, 5-7pm

Sister Jenna will speak on self management to attain happiness, health and harmony. RSVP Sister Gita Behn at Meditation Museum, 301--660-0065

SAT Classes – Nov 6 & Nov 20-3:00pm -5pm . Students and parents are encouraged to sign-up for one on one sessions with professionals for guidance on SAT preparation and high school course planning. Email SAT@ssvt.org to sign-up.

Upanishad Series – No sessions in November.

Bhagavatam – 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Saturdays
Krishna Leela – Dasama skandham. This has 90 chapters.

Akaar Sessions on Saturday – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Send email to ssvtkids@yahoo.com to sign-up.

Bhagavat Gita- Sunday 9:30 am -11:00 am.

Dr. Rao will be conducting the Bhagavat Gita sessions.

Shiridi Baba Bajan at SSVT

First Thursday of each month at 7pm .
Please contact Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151

Vehicle Donation

SSVT is constantly looking for roadworthy vehicles (automatic transmission only) for the use of priests and managers. If you happen to have one that might qualify, please consider donating it and avail the Tax Deduction that it offers. For further details, please contact Ramarao Mysore at 301-922-4566 or by emailing to rammysore@gmail.com

Sandwiches for Homeless – November 12, 2011

On the second Saturday of every month, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. 1500 sandwiches are made and delivered to Martha's Table, a DC shelter. If anyone wish to participate in the program, Please be at the Temple at 10:30 am. Devotees can sponsor this program by donating \$150. For additional information, please call Chitra Raj at 301-216-2019

SSVT Senior Citizens Group

Meetings on Nov. 09 and 23, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
The mission of SSVT Senior Citizens' Group is to enhance the quality of life of its members so that they can live a healthy, happy, active and independent life with dignity as well as serve and enrich the community. The Group strives to enhance physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of all members through education, training, entertainment, and other assistance to attain successful aging. The current programs include training in Gentle Yoga for seniors (10-11am), talks by members and/or by invited guests on successful aging, music, devotional songs, etc. (11am-1pm), and lunch (1-2pm). We cordially welcome all SSVT Senior devotees to participate in our group activities and enjoy a successful aging. For further information and to know any change/s in day/s as well as in timing/s, please call Mr. Umakant Rajguru at 301-890-0652 or email shakurajguru@yahoo.com

Mitra Mandala

Mitra Mandala offers free community service providing confidential and professional counseling and senior services for families in need. Please contact R.G. Nagarajan at 301-279-9328 nagarajan51932@gmail.com for support services.



Grand Jugalbandi Concert

A jugalbandi is a performance in Indian Classical Music that features a duet of two solo musicians. On October 1st, rasikas in our area were immersed in a sublime jugalbandi presentation of two prominent musicians of Bharateeya Shaastreeya Sangitam. The 'murali gana sangamam' of the legendary Dr. Mangalampalli Balamuralikrishna's vocal music and Pandit Ronu Majumdar's flute satiated our musical thirst. The octogenarian genius and living legend Dr. Balamuralikrishna, with his versatile voice spanning more octaves than the flutes that Ronuji carried could cover, mesmerized the audience. Pt. Ronu Majumdar's bansuri was transcendental. It transported us to a zone where divinity reigns supreme.

The concert featured captivating and popular ragas including Kalyani/Yaman, Hindolam/Malkauns, Sindhubhairavi and Dr. Balamuralikrishna's creation Mahati. A brisk thillana in

Kadanakuthuhalam and Rabindra Sangeet added to the brilliance of the concert. B. U. Ganesh Prasad on the violin, Thanjavur Murugaboopathy on the mridangam and Abhijit Banerjee on the tabla provided excellent accompaniment and the ever-popular percussion duet raised the energy level in the hall.

The event drew a packed auditorium of more than 600 people who were spellbound by the performance. The success of an event of such grandeur is not possible without the tireless efforts of all the volunteers. A great impetus for their efforts was the generous contributions by the sponsors for this event. The temple would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers and technicians who made this event an unprecedented success. This helped the temple raise much-needed funds for its programs. The concert audio will be available soon. Please check the temple website for updates.

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Time	Event	Artist	Admission	Venue
Sat Nov. 5 & Sun 6, 2011	All Day	Annual Sri.Dikshitar and Sri. Syama Sastri festival	Multiple artists	FREE	SSVT
Sat. Nov. 5 2011	4.30 PM	Vocal Concert	Abhishek Raghuram	FREE	SSVT
Sat. Nov. 6, 2011	3PM	Vocal Concert	D.B. Ashvin	FREE	SSVT
Sun. Nov 13, 2011	3 PM	Vocal Concert	Gayatri Venkatraghavan	Ticketed	SSVT

Announcements regarding these programs will also be available via Temple notice board, website etc. Please contact Radha Shivakumar or Raghu Pantula at cultural.ssvt@gmail.com for further details regarding upcoming events. Also visit <http://www.facebook.com/srisivavishnu> for current updates.

The listing of SSVT sponsored concert CDs is now posted online at www.ssvt.org under Upcoming events and Announcements. Those interested in these CDs are requested to please contact ssvt@ssvt.org.

Annual Sri Dikshitar and Sri Syama Sastri Music Festival

(Co-Sponsored by SSVT and Geethamrutha Music School)

Sat. Nov. 5th (8.30am to 8.30pm) & Sun. Nov. 6th (9.30am to 7pm)

This program is open to all Music lovers and Students to participate in Individual & Group Singing, & Mini Concerts. On Saturday Teacher's groups will participate on selected theme from Sri. Dikshitar compositions. There will be a grand concert by Abhishek Raghuram at 5pm on Saturday (Free. Donations welcome).

For further information and Registration for Individual/Group Participation please send Email to mdaradhana@gmail.com. (Rendition of either Sri Dikshtar or Syama Sastri Krithis welcome) Group Participations are encouraged since we can give opportunity to many participants.

A Special Group rendition of Sri Syama Sastri's Rathna Thrayam, the 3 Swarajathis along with a Geetam, Varnam, and any Rare Composition will be from 10:30 to 11:30am on Sunday. This is open to all Music lovers who wish to join.

Public Transportation to the Temple

One can reach the temple by using a combination of Metro rail and Bus services. Take Metro rail to New Carrollton Metro Station or to the Greenbelt Metro Station and take THE BUS (Prince Georges county bus service) no. THE BUS 15, 15 express, THE BUS travels along the Greenbelt Rd. (route 193) one has to get down at the corner of Greenbelt Rd. and Cipriano Rd. THE BUS 15

express stops on Cipriano Rd about 200 yards from the Temple. Metro G13,G14 AND G16 Bus stops are located at the corner of Cipriano Rd. -Tuckermans St. about half a mile (10 minutes walk) to the temple. You have to get off at the corner of Cipriano Rd. and Tuckermans St. and walk along the Cipriano Rd. and walk half mile to the temple.

From Baltimore / Washington D.C. Take B.W. Parkway to NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte 193 (Green Belt Road)	→	Go approximately 1 mile on Rte. 193. Make right turn onto Cipriano Road. The Temple is on the left at 6905 Cipriano Road.	←	From Silver Spring, Bethesda, Tysons Corner: Take I-495 (Beltway) to Exit 22A (B.W Parkway towards Baltimore), Exit immediately towards NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road).																		
			←	From Andrews Air Force Base, Alexandria, Springfield: Take I-495 (Beltway) to Exit 22A (B.W Parkway towards Baltimore), Bear right following signs to NASA Goddard Space Center, and merge to Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road).																		
Temple Hours: Weekdays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Weekends / Holidays 9:00 am - 9:00 pm <i>The Temple is open all day on all Important Holidays</i>			Daily Puja Schedule																			
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2011-2012 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam Schedule

Daily Puja Schedule

9:30 am - 11:00 am	Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekam, Ashtothara Archana, Deeparadhana)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Sahasranama stotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Special Puja Schedule

8:30 am - 10:00 am	Irumudi Preparation & Climbing of Holy Steps
9:30 am	Suprabatham
10:00 am	Abhishekam
10:30 am	Alankaram, Bhajan
11:15 am	Sahasranamam, Ashtothram, Ayyappa Ashtakam, Kavacham, Deeparadhana, Namas-karam, Padi paatu, Deeparadhana, Temple song
12:30 pm	Prasadam distribution

Wednesday November 16, 2011

9:30 am - 10:30 am	Bimba Sudhi
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Praasatha Sudhi

Thursday November 17, 2011 Mandala Utsava Aarambham

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Ganapathi Homam, Dwaja Aarohanam ,
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Sahasraabhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Padi Puja , Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivaraasanam

Sunday November 20, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja, Udayaastamana Puja
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Saturday November 26, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja, Pushpaalankaram
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Sunday November 27, 2011

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bhajan, Pushpabhishekam , Saharanamam, Seeveli, Harivarasanam
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Sunday December 4, 2011

8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja, Vedapaaraayanam
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Saturday December 10, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja, Neiyabhishekam
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Sunday December 11, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Irumudi Abhishekam Puja will be performed as per Daily Puja schedule
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Saturday December 17, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Irumudi Abhishekam Puja will be performed as per Daily Puja schedule
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Sunday December 18, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja, Kalabhaabhishekam
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Saturday December 24, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja
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Sunday Decemeber 25, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja
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Tuesday December 27, 2011 MANDALA PUJA

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Irumudi Preparation
8:30 am	Climbing of Holy Steps
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Nirmalya Darsanam, Abhishekam, Mandala Puja , Archana, Deeparadhana
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Bhajan, Sahasranama Stotram, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

Saturday December 31, 2011

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja
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Sunday January 8, 2012

10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Special Ayyappa Puja
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Sunday January 15, 2012 MAKARA SANKRANTHI

9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Makara Sankramabhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Thiruvabharanam , Deeparadhana, Saharanama Stotram, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Acharya Sambhavana , Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Annadanam by Devotees

Monday to Wednesday January (16, 17, 18) 2012

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Malikappurthamma Puja
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Thursday January 19, 2012

9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Special Kalabha Puja
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bhajan, Malai Moorthi Aaraadhana

Friday January 20, 2012

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bhajan, Dwaja Avarohanam, Guruthi Puja , Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam
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Conclusion of Sri Ayyappa Mandala Makara Sankranthi Celebration

Irumudi can be prepared at the temple at 8:00 am on Special Puja days.

Devotees who need Irumudi materials from the temple are requested to send an e-mail to ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com

Devotees with Irumudi are requested to climb the Holy Steps before 9:00 am and hand over Abhishekam materials to the priest prior to the Abhishekam at 9:30 am.

SSVT Ayyappa Mandala Makara Sankranti Puja Sponsorship Form



Family Name:
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 E-mail: Phone No:

First Name:	Last Name:	Birth Star:
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Date(s) of Puja	Puja Sponsored	Amount
All Year	All Puja for Season & Monthly Puja	\$501.00
11/16/11 – 01/20/12	All Puja for Entire Season	\$301.00
See Schedule	All Special Ayyappa Puja	\$151.00
11/17/11	Mandalotsava Aarambham	\$51.00
11/17/11	Padi Puja	\$25.00
11/27/11	Pushpabhishekam	\$25.00
12/27/11	Mandala Puja	\$51.00
01/15/12	Makara Sankranthi	\$51.00
	One day weekend Special Puja	\$31.00
	One day Regular Puja	\$25.00
	Irumudi Abhishekam	\$25.00
	Irumudi Package	\$50.00
	Annadhanam	\$
TOTAL Sponsorship	(Check/Cash Enclosed):	\$

Ayyappa vratham

Devotees who wish to go to Sabarimala have to observe vratham (follow certain austerities) for one mandalam (41 days) to purify the mind and soul. On the first day of the month of Karthika/Vrichikam (the middle of November), devotees wear the mudra maala and start the vratham.

Manthram to be chanted before wearing mudra maala

Gjaana Mudraam Saasthru Mudraam Guru Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Vana Mudraam Sudha Mudraam Rudra Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Saantha Mudraam Sathya Mudraam Vritham Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Sabaryaasrama Sathyena Mudraam Paathu Sathaapi Me

Gurudakshinaaya Poorvam Thasyaanugraha Kaarine
 Saranaagatha Mudraakyam Thvan Mudraam Dhaaraayaamyaham
 Chin Mudraam Khechari Mudraam Bhadra Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Sabaryaachala Mudraayay Namasthubhyam Namaha

Devotees wear the mudra maala after chanting the above manthram

Manthram to remove mudra maala

Apoorvam Achaalaroha Divya Darsanakaarana Saasthramudraath Makaadeva Dehi Me Vrithamochanam. Devotees remove the mudra maala after chanting the manthram. The mudra maala and Irumudi be kept under the feet of Lord Ayyappa and used again. "SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA"

Important austerities to be observed during vratham

- Observe Brahmacharyam during the vratham
- Take shower twice daily and chant the names of Lord Ayyappa
- Consume only freshly cooked vegetarian food
- Attend Puja either at the temple or wherever conducted
- Always start the conversation with "Swami Saranam"
- Control your temper and be kind to others
- Do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages
- Treat your body, mind and intellect as the abode of Ayyappa

How to prepare irumudi (in brief)

After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Puja items must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two coconuts must be placed in the rear pocket. Always keep chanting the names of Lord Ayyappa while preparing the Irumudi. Never place the Irumudi on the floor; always place it on a towel and treat it with Bhakthi.

Irumudi Items

ITEMS	QTY	COMMENTS
I. Munmudi (front)		
01. Kanikka panam (coin)	1	-
02. Beetel Leaf	1	-
03. Areca Nut - Supari	1	-
04. Mudra coconut with Ghee	1	The shell has to be polished drained by removing the middle eye of the coconut; find a cork to tightly seal the opened eye
05. Honey	1bottle	Plastic; small
06. Turmeric Powder	1 packet	Small Packet
07. Sandal	-	Few tablets or powder
08. Vibhoothi	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Rose Water	1 bottle	Plastic; small
II. Pinmudi (back)		
01. Coconut	2(Min)	One to break before climbing Holy Steps and one to break after coming down the Steps after puja
02. Rice	1 packet	Small Packet
03. Avil	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
04. Malar	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
05. Kadali pazham or Jaggery	1	1 small piece
06. Kalkandam (Sugar Candy)	-	Few tablets
07. Dry Grape	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
08. Kumkum	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Camphor	-	Few tablets

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Hotels/Motels near the Temple

Best Western	Lanham	301-459-1000
Days Inn	Lanham	301-459-6600
Holiday Inn	Greenbelt	301-982-7000
Sheraton	New Carrollton	301-459-6700
The Suite	Lanham	703-368-3900

Driving Directions

Take I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Exit 22A (B-W Parkway towards Baltimore), Exit immediately towards NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road). Go approximately 1 mile on Rte. 193. Make right turn onto Cipriano Road. The Temple is on the left at 6905 Cipriano Road.

Airports

Baltimore Washington
 International-30 min by car
 Washington National
 30 min by car 45 min by metro

Taxi Services

Silver Capital Cab 301-277-6000
 Yellow Cab 301-864-7700
 India Cab 301-459-1331

Train Stations

Orange Line Metro Station New Carrollton
 Green Line Metro station Greenbelt
 Amtrak Train Station New Carrollton